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The Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund Protects Hart County's Frenchman's Knob *Hart County Fiscal Court now manages this unique natural, historic property*

Frankfort, Ky. (Aug 29, 2012) --Thanks to funding by the Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund (KHLCF), Hart County's Frenchman's Knob is now protected forever.

The 90-acre site just northeast of Bonnieville will eventually be open to the public for hiking, bird watching and educational programs. While Hart County Fiscal Court now owns the property, the Bacon Creek Historical Society is partnering in the management of the site.

The knob takes its name from Gilbert LeClerc, who died on the top of the knob in 1788 after an Indian attack – reputedly the last in Kentucky. In addition to its historic significance, the area is home to diverse flora and fauna, including the endangered Indiana bat and the once common Little Brown bat. The populations of both species have been devastated by White Nose Syndrome (WNS) in recent years.

The KHLCF is funded in part by the sale of "Nature's Finest" license plates. With this acquisition, the Fund has now protected and conserved over 76,000 acres in 63 counties. For more information, visit the Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund website at <http://heritageland.ky.gov> or contact Zeb Weese at 502-573-3080.

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